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 AND PROGRAM AND PROGRAM STORAGE MEDIUM  
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.  
☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	18	Minus	** =22	* 0 x	\$50 (25)	= \$ 0
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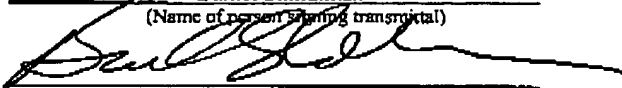
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- ☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$360(180) has been previously paid ☐, or is paid herewith ☐.
- ☐ This response is being filed within the \_\_\_ month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a \_\_\_ month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_ is attached, which covers the cost of ☐ additional claims ☐ petition for extension of time.
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 9, 2006, having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on November 9, 2006, please amend the above-captioned application as follows.

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
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**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.